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Appl. No. : 10/077,173
Applicant : Brady Esch, et al.
Filed : February 15, 2002
Art Unit : 3731
Examiner : Kevin Truong

Docket No.: : CARDE.59561
Customer No. : 27629

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REQUEST FOR REFUND
(IMPROPER CHARGE OF DEPOSIT ACCOUNT)

I. REFUND REQUEST

This is a request for a refund, with respect to the charge to Deposit Account No. 21-0800, shown on the statement dated February 7, 2005, for a two month extension fee for the above identified application.

II. FEES CHARGE FOR WHICH REFUND REQUESTED

A two (2) month extension term of \$225.00 was charged to Deposit Account No. 21-800. A total refund request of \$225.00 is requested.

III. EXPLANATION OF WHY CONTESTED CHARGE IS IN ERROR

We received an Office Action dated June 25, 2005 in which a response was due on or before September 25, 2005. We filed a response on September 22, 2005, which included a Certificate of Mailing under 37 C.F.R. §1.8. Copies of the documents are enclosed for your review, along with the PTO stamp postcard showing receipt. We therefore filed our response on time and no fee should have been charged.

IV. MANNER OF REFUND

Please make refund by crediting Deposit Account No. 21-0800.

Respectfully submitted,

FULWIDER PATTON LEE & UTECHT, LLP

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Applicant: Brady Esch, et al.

Application No. 10/077,173

Filed: February 15, 2002

Title: FLOW-THROUGH AORTIC FLOW DIVIDER FOR
CEREBRAL AND CORONARY EMBOLIC PROTECTION

Documents enclosed:

1. Amendment Transmittal (1 pg);
2. Amendment (6 pgs);
3. Terminal Disclaimer (1 pg) and
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CARDE.59561

Application No. 10/077,173	Filing Date Feb. 15, 2002	Examiner Kevin Truong	Customer No. 27629	Group Art Unit 3731	Confirmation No.
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Invention: **FLOW-THROUGH AORTIC FLOW DIVIDER FOR CEREBRAL AND CORONARY EMBOLIC PROTECTION**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

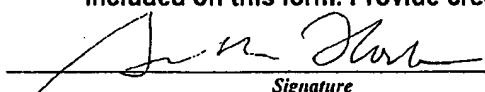
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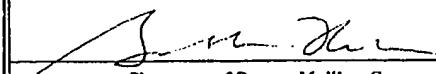

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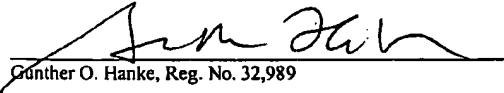
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action of June 25, 2004, the response for which is due September 25, 2004. Entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims start on page 2

Remarks start on page 6

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Please cancel without prejudice claims 17-24.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (original): An aortic catheter for cerebral and coronary embolic protection comprising:

an elongated catheter shaft having at least one perfusion lumen extending therethrough;

a deployable aortic flow divider mounted to the catheter shaft; the aortic flow divider having an upper surface and a lower surface; and

at least one flow-through orifice through the aortic flow divider from the upper surface to the lower surface.

Claim 2 (original): The aortic catheter of claim 1, wherein the aortic flow divider comprises an inflatable member.

Claim 3 (original): The aortic catheter of claim 2, wherein the catheter shaft comprises an inflation lumen in fluid communication with the inflatable member.

Claim 4 (original): The aortic catheter of claim 1, wherein at least one flow-through orifice comprises two flow-through orifices through an upstream end of the aortic flow divider.

Claim 5 (original): The aortic catheter of claim 4, wherein the flow-through orifices have a diameter of approximately 0.010 to 0.0250 inches.

Claim 6 (original): The aortic catheter of claim 4, wherein the flow-through orifices have a diameter of approximately 0.050. to 0.0100 inches.

Claim 7 (original): The aortic catheter of claim 1, wherein the catheter shaft comprises one perfusion lumen extending from a proximal end of the catheter shaft to at least one arch perfusion port and at least one corporeal perfusion port.

Claim 8 (original): The aortic catheter of claim 7, wherein the at least one arch perfusion port discharges above the upper surface of the aortic flow divider and the at least one corporeal perfusion port discharges below the lower surface of the aortic flow divider.

Claim 9 (original): The aortic catheter of claim 7, wherein the at least one arch perfusion port and the at least one corporeal perfusion port are configured to provide a fluid flow ratio in the rage of approximately 1:2 to approximately 1:4.

Claim 10 (original): The aortic catheter of claim 1, wherein the catheter shaft comprises an arch perfusion lumen extending from a proximal end of the catheter shaft to at least one arch perfusion port and a corporeal perfusion lumen extending from the proximal end of the catheter shaft to at least one corporeal perfusion port.

Claim 11 (original): The aortic catheter of claim 10, wherein the at least one arch perfusion port discharges above the upper surface of the aortic flow divider and the at least one corporeal perfusion port discharges below the lower surface of the aortic flow divider.

Claim 12 (original): The aortic catheter of claim 1, wherein the aortic flow divider is configured to partition the lumen of the aortic arch longitudinally into a first fluid flow channel in fluid communication with the aortic arch vessels and a second fluid flow channel in fluid communication with the patient's corporeal circulation.

Claim 13 (original): The aortic catheter of claim 1, wherein the aortic flow divider is configured to divert emboli downstream to the patient's corporeal circulation.

Claim 14 (original): The aortic catheter of claim 1, wherein the elongated shaft is sized and configured to be inserted directly into the aorta through an aortotomy incision.

Claim 15 (original): The aortic catheter of claim 1, wherein the elongated shaft is sized and configured to be inserted into the aorta through a peripheral artery insertion site.

Claim 16 (original): The aortic catheter of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the elongated shaft is reinforced with a wire coil.

Claim 17 (cancelled):

Claim 18 (cancelled):

Claim 19 (cancelled):

Claim 20 (cancelled):

Claim 21 (cancelled):

Claim 22 (cancelled):

Claim 23 (cancelled):

Claim 24 (cancelled):

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 remain pending. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants affirm election without traverse of claims 1-16 for consideration on the merits.

Claims 1-4, 7, 8, and 10-15 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-50 of U.S. Patent No. 6,371,935. Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer to overcome the rejection.

In light of the above amendments and remarks Applicants earnestly believe the application to now be in condition for allowance and respectfully request that it be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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Terminal Disclaimer To Obviate A Double
Patenting Rejection Over A Prior Patent

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Invention: **FLOW-THROUGH AORTIC FLOW DIVIDER FOR CEREBRAL AND CORONARY EMBOLIC
PROTECTION**

Owner of Record: **Cardeon Corporation**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

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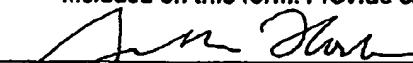
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